



## **Wilton Rotary Drummer** Wilton, Connecticut

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Today's meeting hosted 18 Wilton Rotarians and 3 guests: John Kalamarides, Beth Edwards, and Mary Ann Genuario. President Paul led the program on a lovely day before the Carnival weekend.

### **Announcements:**

1. Pat reported that everything is set for the Carnival which begins this evening. Thanks to everyone who donated to the event as well as the Rotarians who have volunteered for shifts. More people could be used to relieve those doing double shifts on Saturday & Sunday. We've gotten lots of publicity and all rides passed inspection.
2. President Paul summarized the Board meeting. Carol Johnson has been appointed to the nominating committee, the deadline for Fall grant applications is Nov. 1. Photos and items for Facebook can be sent to Ed Ashway or Doug Macklem for posting, or club members who are on Facebook can do it themselves.
3. Pat thanked everyone who helped at Senior Community Day: Carol, Luis, Paul B., Frank
4. John Lemke announced that he is coordinating Career Day activities at Wilton High School and has talked with organizers about Rotary providing speakers on various vocations. More details to come.
5. Monday night fireside chats with President Paul ongoing at 6:30 pm.
6. Bud Boucher said New Canaan Lobsterfest was a sell-out and proceeds from 60 ticket sales will benefit the war memorial project to be built at Legion Hall and dedicated on Veteran's Day.
7. President Paul reported on the Interact Club whose meeting he attended on 9/17. They hope to reach 30 members and are very excited about students participating at RYLA. They will continue their sponsorship of a child in Haiti by raising money through a bake sale. We need a Rotarian to be the liaison to Interact and attend their monthly meetings.

### **Program: Dan DeBarba, President and CEO of Norwalk Hospital**

Norwalk Hospital has served the community for 120 years and encompassed 1.2 million people with outreach programs. The hospital spearheaded an anti-childhood obesity effort in the public schools and has provided better access for low income patients. They are rated in the top 1% for overall quality. Net income in 2012 was \$20 million, and \$35 million is budgeted for capital improvements. A total of \$49 million goes toward unfunded care, and there has been significant growth in need for services for minority populations. New initiatives include a collaboration with Western CT Health Network (Danbury and New Milford Hospitals) to share specialists so that patients in our area do not have to travel to NYC or Yale New Haven for procedures. In 2015 Norwalk Hospital will complete a major capital building expansion that includes new GI, Emergency and Cancer Centers.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 27***